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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/6/2023 **AUTHORIZATION:** Susan Lewis, Acting Director

TITLE: Deadlines for Renewal of Certification, and Reinstatement Procedures for Massachusetts Certified and Formerly Massachusetts Certified EMT-Basics

SUPERSEDES: 6/9/2021

PURPOSE:

To define the deadlines for EMT recertification in accordance with 105 CMR 170.930, and to further define the requirements and procedures for reinstatement of Massachusetts EMT certifications in accordance with 105 CMR 170.935. This Administrative Requirement applies to certifications at the EMT-Basic level.

DEFINITIONS:

RECERTIFICATION is the normal procedure followed by an EMT to renew their EMT certification through successful completion of all requirements within the mandatory time limits, or to renew their EMT certification that lapsed for two years or less, if the EMT has met their continuing education requirements prior to the expiration of their EMT certification, in accordance with 105 CMR 170.930(A)(4).

REINSTATEMENT (also referred to by the National Registry of EMTs [NREMT] as “re-entry”) is the procedure that must be followed to regain EMT certification when an EMT is no longer eligible for recertification because education, application or submission requirements were not met within the required deadlines.

EMTs NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RECERTIFICATION:

- Individuals who did not complete or document the minimum required continuing education hours to meet the NREMT National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) and other training requirements under AR 2-212, prior to March 31, YEAR OF EXPIRATION, OR
- Individuals who did not renew their NREMT certification as required

REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURES FOR MASSACHUSETTS EMTs:

Former EMTs whose Massachusetts certification has expired (with or without NREMT certification) and who did not meet their continuing education requirements prior to the expiration of their certification are eligible for reinstatement by first obtaining EMT certification from the NREMT. The entry requirements for a previously state licensed EMT who is applying for NREMT certification can be found on the NREMT website, at www.nremt.org.

The NREMT requires that previously state licensed or certified EMTs applying for NREMT certification to successfully complete specific education, a cognitive examination and a state approved psychomotor examination. In order to receive authorization to take the Department approved psychomotor exam, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Previously have held Massachusetts EMT certification (no time limit)
- Complete and submit an EMT-Basic reinstatement application form (provided by the Department) with the \$150 non-refundable fee, made out to the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
- Submit a copy of **both sides** of your current Basic Cardiac Life Support (**BCLS**) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)'s International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).

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An EMT reinstatement candidate must successfully complete the Department-approved psychomotor and NREMT cognitive examination and gain current NREMT certification at the level they are applying to reinstate. A candidate will be eligible for Massachusetts certification based on their current NREMT certification. A candidate's reinstatement application will remain on file for one year from the date it is received at OEMS.